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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS-TOCUMEN AIRPORT

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1. PANAMA'S CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE (DAC) HAS AGAIN ADVERTISED FOR BIDS FROM FIRMS PREVIOUSLY PRE-QUALIFIED FOR THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AND RELATED WORKS OF THE NEW TOCUMEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. BID DEADLINE AND OPENING SCHEDULED JANUARY 20 AT 10 AM IN DAC OFFICES. SPECIFICATIONS WERE REVISED IN DECEMBER TO REDUCE COSTS.

2. WHEN LAST BID ON NOVEMBER 25, PROPOSALS WERE \$31.3 TO \$34.4 MILLION, WHICH CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN PLANNED COST OF \$23.2 MILLION. DAC DECIDED AT THE TIME TO ASK TWO LOWEST BIDDERS, PERINI (US) AND CONSTRUCTORA LATINOAMERICANA--LACA--(PANAMA) TO RE-SUBMIT PROPOSALS ACCORDING TO REDUCED SPECIFICATIONS. PERINI COMPLAINED THAT LACA, WHOSE BID WAS ABOUT \$90,000 UNDER THEIRS, WAS NOT QUALIFIED TO BID ALONE AS IT DID. LACA HAD PRE-QUALIFIED ONLY AS A PARTNER WITH IMPRESIT (ITALY), WHICH WITHDREW FROM COMPETITION.

3. QUESTION OF LACA ELIGIBILITY REPORTEDLY RAISED WITH IBRD, WHICH FINANCING PROJECT IN PART. ALVARO CABAL, PRINCIPAL OWNER OF LACA, SUBMITTED TO DAC EVIDENCE SUPPORTIVE OF ITS ELIGIBILITY, FOR PURPOSE OF CONSIDERATION BY IBRD/WASHINGTON. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO VISITED IBRD IN THIS REGARD.

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4. IN CONVERSATION WITH DAC PROJECT COORDINATOR, EMBOFF WAS

TOLD TODAY THAT THE FOUR FIRMS WHICH SUBMITTED BIDS NOVEMBER 25 ARE EXPECTED TO DO SO AGAIN THIS MONTH. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT LACA'S ELIGIBILITY, DAC OFFICER SAID A DECISION IS AWAITED FROM IBRD ON THIS BIDDER'S CAPABILITY TO PERFORM CONTRACT AS WELL AS ON ITS ELIGIBILITY TO BID.

5. PERINI MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING OF IBRD CONSIDERATION OF LACA. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE WHETHER LACA WILL BE REQUIRED TO FIND PARTNER FROM AMONG PRE-QUALIFIED FIRMS AS REPORTED REF A. OUR SOURCES HERE INDICATE LACA ATTEMPTING SECURE IBRD CONCURRENCE WITH ITS SUBMITTING BID ALONE.
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